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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the office action of November 9, 1999 applicants state:

The examiner has indicated that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species to wit: Species I, corresponding to the embodiment of Figs. 1-9; Species II, corresponding to the embodiment of Figs. 10-11; and Species III, corresponding to the embodiment of Figs. 12-13. The examiner has required that applicants elect one of those species, identifying the claims which apply to that species.

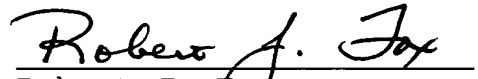
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Accordingly, applicants hereby elect Species III directed to the embodiment shown in Figs. 12-13. That species includes claims 16-21.

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